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Iron chickens 75 meters

1st	Brian J	6 chickens
2nd	John K	5 chickens
3rd	Rex H	4chickens

Shotgun Trophy

1st	Stewart W
2nd	Alwyn
3rd equal	Phil, George, Brian, Tony

Both the trophies were claimed by an experienced shooter all the way from Wanganui. It seems the local shooters need to sharpen their skills, however our canon marksman managed to hit the swinging pig with his opening shot at a range of 100 meters!

The catering crew once again put a lovely lunch together with a bbq lunch and cold drinks. A big thanks must go to the people who helped with the set up and running of this event.

Alwyn.

Christmas family fun day

Once again the weather god smiled on us and we had a nice day for this event. Some good shooting was had by both the senior members and a good few of the younger members that came along. Scores are as follows:

Iron chickens, under 15 yrs

1st	Alex	6 chickens
2nd	Liam p	4 chickens
3rd	Liam K	3 chickens
3rd	Sam	3 chickens

Iron chickens, ladies & girlfriends

1st equal	Gabbi
1st equal	Fiona
2nd	Andrea L.

Iron chickens, for Trophy

1st	Stewart W	5 chickens
2nd	Phil Mc	4 chickens
3rd	Brian J	3 chickens

There was a shoot off to determine the winner for the iron chicken Trophy.



Odd Cartridges



A fine collection of Asian and Pacific weapons

From the Presidents pen

Once again we have had an action packed year with such activities as:

Well attended monthly meetings.

A trip to Omaka air museum.

A range of displays in conjunction with UHCC military heritage month.

A trip to visit the Ruahine branch.

Our ever popular club auction.

The booking of the Kaitoke range over the summer months and last month we had about 50 people attend the guided tour of the railway workshops.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended, with many world class displays being exhibited. A big thanks must go to the exhibitors, as it is your interesting displays that make the club what it is. I often receive positive comments from other members and visitors alike. The trip to Omaka was well attended and this world class museum is certainly worthy of a visit if you are in the area.

We had a series of displays during the UHCC military heritage month. A highlight would have been having a Vickers light mg set up, on display for a Sunday afternoon. Even the female library staff had an active interest in our displays. Other displays were exhibited at the Upper Hutt block house and at the Trentham range.

Our auction ran well, and was certainly a success. We are now accepting items for our 2009 auction.

All these activities have been organised by a core of hard working committee members, who work tirelessly to bring these activities to the standard that they are. A big thank you must go to these people who often organise other commitments around club activities.

On a sad note, we have lost two members and Margaret Browns mother in law during the year. Murray Smith, Peter Guthrie, and Molly Daniels have Past away. Our thoughts are with their families at this time of the year.

Once again our range days have proved popular with a good number of people turning out for the range day activities.

In February, we will be hosting another arms and militia show in Lower Hutt. We will be asking for your support once again to make this event a success. We are now asking for people to help with displays, the set up, and the clean up. Remember many hands make light work.

It seems that we are already setting up for another busy

exciting year.

Trophies. We have two Trophies to be awarded the first is the Joe Bartlett canon trophy

This trophy is awarded to a member who is an active helper.

This years candidate is a person who "just gets in and dose the job" He has a yes I will do it attitude. He assists with many behind the scenes activities that are involved with running the club. He always assists with displays and public exhibitions, is always at monthly meetings.

Vic Cartwright was awarded this Trophy.

The other trophy is the naked soldier award for well presented, consistent displays, with good descriptions. Once again there were many candidates for this award.

The person who is the receiver is a keen collector, shooter, and has been in the game for a long time. He often displays range shooting items and many of the unusual accessories that are associated with the sport, generally with a British theme. However items from all corners of the world have been seen in his displays. Geoff Collings was awarded this trophy.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you a safe and merry Christmas.



Vic and Geoff collecting there awards



Military saddle complete with rifle bucket



A collection of Scottish broad swords



Rare Hotchkiss leather carrier and ammo container



Grenades, projectiles and others



Rugby memorabilia from a branch members son



Revolvers and auto pistols



A fine collection of hat pins and silver items



WOW! If any body has one, contact the editor!

A sharp eyed Wellington branch member spotted this comment in the Sunday Star Times and was quick to reply to such a rubbish suggestion. Good work KS!

Medal thieves

WHILE THE medal thieves who attempted to deprive the country of some of the most sacred symbols of its nationhood are widely vilified for committing a crime close to treason, certain law-abiding people who, if we are to be equitable, should share the responsibility for this unfortunate episode seem to have found a place on the side of the indignant righteous. I refer to the collectors of medals, and to those who are willing to do trade with them. Public opinion seems to be two-faced over this issue.

*David Nalden
Epsom, Auckland*

A medal collector writes

DAVID NALDEN (Letters, October 26) wants to shift the blame on to medal collectors for the theft of the medals from Waioturu.

Local medal collectors were as appalled and outraged at the theft as the rest of the country.

The thieves' motives are unclear but it is most unlikely they planned to try to sell the medals to New Zealand collectors. No self-respecting local medal collector would have a bar of those stolen medals.

Medal collectors have a high regard for the medal recipients. They research them and seek supporting documentation such as diaries, letters and photographs, as well as the official records from archives to document their service and lives.

In both world wars the vast majority of men were civilians; from farmers to accountants. Medals provide a tangible link with the past and a starting point for research and they document the process of civilian into soldier.

Collectors share information and some publish articles and books which are bricks and mortar for many military historians

Medal collectors often assist museums nationwide with their expertise and by loaning medals for exhibition purposes.

Let the blame for the theft rest where it rightly belongs, with the medal thieves.

Name withheld, Wellington



Nicely engraved shotgun

Web sites of interest

Service records of the NZ armed forces
<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/cenotaph/locations.aspx>
Old NZ newspapers
<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>
Martini Henry site
<http://www.martinihenry.com>
Ian Skennerton
<http://www.skennerton.com>
NZ Cartridge collectors club
<http://www.nzccc.org.nz/>

Gun Show 21st--- 22nd Feb 2009

Once again we are taking bookings for space for displays and trade tables. We will have access on Friday. As it has been mentioned before we need help with the set up and clean up to help make this event a success.

Should you want to help in any way please contact Brent, John, or Alwyn.



**Remember to check your
Firearms Licence expiry date**

Letters of the month are T and U

Things to think about are: Thompson, Trophy, Target, Tools, Uniform, Uboat, etc. We are always keen for people who have not done a display for the club to make a special effort. Lets see what else you can come up with. Venue is Petone Working Mens Club at 1.00pm Sunday 7th December, See you there.